Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 13 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 14 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Feb 2021 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, windy weather on Saturday with snow flurries, and the transition to less cold weather early next week. Lower confidence on snow, freezing rain details on Sunday.

Headline for Saturday 13 Feb 2021: Dry, bright morning. Cloudier afternoon with snow flurries in west. Very cold and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 13 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	20%	30%	20%	20%

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Weather: Most places will stay dry with clear then sunny periods and glare from snow cover. Clouds will increase from the west in the afternoon with snow flurries possible, especially towards Skye and Knoydart but not amounting to much. Very strong winds will continue to cause drifting and blowing of existing snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%

Visibility: Generally good but some blowing snow will result in whiteout conditions. Much of the cloud cover will be above the tops, lowering in the west during evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/47 SE	29/41 SE	28/37 SE	29/39 SE	36/45 SE	35/45 SE	34/43 SE	36/46 SE	41/52 SE
900	32/41 SE	33/44 SE	27/35 SE	28/38 SE	31/41 SE	31/40 SE	29/39 SE	30/40 SE	34/46 SE
600	19/29 SE	21/33 SE	19/28 SE	20/30 SE	20/30 SE	22/32 SE	21/31 SE	21/31 SE	22/34 SE
300	5/23 SE	13/25 E	11/22 E	10/23 E	7/23 SE	6/22 SE	6/21 SE	7/22 E	8/29 SE
Glen	15/30 SE	15/27 E	14/24 E	13/24 E	11/23 SE	11/24 SE	13/28 SE	15/31 SE	14/31 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-10/-22	-10/-21	-8/-19	-8/-18	-7/-18	-6/-16	-7/-17	-6/-16	-5/-16
900	-9/-20	-9/-20	-8/-18	-7/-17	-6/-17	-5/-15	-6/-16	-5/-14	-4/-14
600	-6/-15	-6/-15	-5/-13	-4/-12	-4/-11	-3/-11	-4/-12	-3/-11	-2/-10
300	-4/-8	-5/-12	-5/-11	-5/-10	-3/-6	-2/-6	-2/-5	-1/-5	-0/-4
Glen	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-7	1/-3	1/-3	1/-4	2/-4	3/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very severe chill effects with gale force winds and temperatures well below freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 14 Feb 2021

Weather: A cloudy, cold, windy day with outbreaks of snow and even a risk of freezing rain for a time. Much of the snow and freezing rain risk will be towards the southwest of area, then turning to rain at lower levels before clearing during the evening.

Maximum wind: Very strong southerly winds, average speeds of 40 to 50mph and gusts 70mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in northeast of area otherwise little chance.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions with extensive cloud cover about 600 to 700m with patches lower down. Pockets of good visibility over North Highlands and towards Ben Wyvis with clouds above some of the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius during evening.
Freezing level: Temperatures below freezing at most levels in the morning, then rising to 900m during evening.

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